

NORMAN E. BORLAUG INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FELLOWS PROGRAM

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BACKGROUND

The United States Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service is establishing the Norman E. Borlaug International Science and Technology Fellows Program (*Borlaug Fellowship Program*) as an outcome of USDA's Ministerial Conference and Expo on Agricultural Science and Technology held in Sacramento, California, June 2003. The program would foster developing countries' adoption and adaptation of agricultural science and technology.



PURPOSE

The purpose of the Borlaug Fellowship Program is to help countries strengthen sustainable agricultural practices through the transfer of new science and agricultural technologies. The program would encompass a wide variety of agricultural technologies, including those related to production (e.g., biotechnology), processing (e.g., food safety techniques) and marketing. The program would also address obstacles to the adoption of technology, such as ineffectual policies and regulations.

DESCRIPTION

The cornerstone of the Borlaug Fellowship Program would be faculty and scientist exchange programs with developing countries. The program would provide short-term scientific training for international agricultural research scientists and policymakers from selected developing countries. Each Fellow would be assigned a mentor who would visit the Fellow's host country after completion of the training. Training venues would include U.S. land grant universities, USDA or other government agencies, private companies, not-for-profit institutions and international agricultural research centers.

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

Although the program would be open to participants worldwide, the three primary regions of coverage would be Africa, South America and Asia.

